

# **OPEN FLOWERS AND PLANTS DEPARTMENT 015**

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**JUDGING DAY: Wednesday of the FAIR AT 9:00 AM.**

Current Walworth County Fair overall Rules & Regulations apply and are at: [walworthcountyfairgrounds.com](http://walworthcountyfairgrounds.com).

## **RULES GOVERNING FLOWER & PLANT EXHIBITS**

1. Entries close online at 11:59 PM the First Friday in August.
2. Exhibitor must have season pass.
3. Champion & Best of Show Awards will be given per judges' discretion per department, division, or class.
4. All articles to be brought between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm on Tuesday before Fair.
5. Open to amateurs. No professionals may exhibit in this department. A "professional" is described as one who earns their primary income in that department.
6. Only one entry per class.
7. **IMPORTANT: All exhibitors are responsible for keeping their exhibits freshened, watered, and in good condition throughout the six days of the Fair.**
8. Any exhibit previously entered and placed 1<sup>st</sup> in a Plants class number at the Walworth County Fair may not be exhibited under that class at this fair again.
9. Plants must be grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of three (3) months.
10. Flowers must be from the exhibitor's garden, unless otherwise specified, and must be the work of the exhibitor.
11. Exhibits must stay within the limits of the display space allowed.
12. Niches are open to all on a first-come, first-serve basis. Niches generally measure 18" wide, 18" deep, 30" high, from outside edges.
13. All articles are to be picked up between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on the Tuesday after the fair.
14. **SIZE CONSTRAINTS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. PLEASE BE ADVISED: DO NOT bring valuable, unstable or leaky containers. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of exhibits, however, in no case will the Walworth County Fair or its representatives be responsible for loss or injury to same.**

## **CLASSIFICATIONS:**

1. **An Arrangement** will consist of a design of fresh cut materials, within a container, with or without a base. Accessories are not permitted. Maximum size: 15" wide, 12" deep, 18" high.
2. **A Composition** will consist of a design of fresh or dried material, with or without a base, accessories permitted. Maximum size: 15" wide, 12" deep, 18" high.
3. **An Interpretation** will consist of a scene or landscape, an arrangement or a composition. Maximum size: 15" wide, 12" deep, 18" high.

**OPEN FLOWERS AND PLANTS OVERALL BEST OF SHOW AWARD – RIBBON & \$100.00 donated by Farmer Wally Worth**

**Division Letter: A. NICHE**

**PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$5.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$3.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00 4<sup>th</sup> - \$1.50**

**Class #:**

1. Niche - Current Fair Theme (visit [walworthcountyfairgrounds.com](http://walworthcountyfairgrounds.com) for current Fair theme)
2. Niche  
2025 - Winter Wonderland  
2026 – My Favorite Game

Grand Champion ..... Ribbon

## PIPSYPOP FLOWERS NICHE CHALLENGE

3. Niche Challenge – **Sponsored by PIPSYPOP FLOWERS, Lake Geneva, WI**, using flowers, fruits, and/or vegetables obtained from a Farmer’s Market and/or local grower (indicate location(s) on tag). No grocery store produce and/or flowers allowed. Fruits, vegetables, and flowers do NOT have to be grown in exhibitor’s garden; however, all other rules under Dept. 015 apply.

PipsyPOP Flowers Special Prize Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$30; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$20; 4<sup>th</sup> Place, \$10

2025 - “Under the Sea”

2026 – “Tea Party”

### Division Letter: **B. Arrangement, Composition or Interpretations**

**PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$4.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$3.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00 4<sup>th</sup> - \$1.50**

#### Class #:

1. First-Year Flower Exhibitor Only – Current Fair Theme - Interpretation
2. Youth Only – 8-12 years, Flower Fun – Arrangement
3. Youth Only – 13-17, My Favorite Hobby - Interpretation
4. Mother Earth – Herb Arrangement in a recycled container
5. Bow Wow – Your Favorite Dog(s) – Interpretation - \*Special Award in Memory of Dee Schutt and Deb Schutt by the Schutt Family.
6. Matching Couple – Corsage and Boutonnière – any occasion (identify on tag)
7. Welcome, Baby - Composition
8. Creature Creation – Animal or Insect created using fresh or dried flowers - Composition
9. Toy Truck – Arrangement in a toy truck bed
10. Bowl Full – Arrangement in a bowl
11. A Festive Centerpiece – Arrangement
12. Saturday Night Fever – Disco Interpretation
13. Rainy Day Sunshine - Composition
14. Happy Hour (**NO ALCOHOL**)– Interpretation
15. Charmed – Composition that includes a charm of exhibitor’s choice
16. Cupcake – Interpretation using a cupcake tin
17. My Favorite Song – Interpretation
18. Watering Can – Arrangement in a watering can
19. Postcard(s) – Interpretation
20. Nifty & Thrifty - Interpretation
21. Red Cardinal – Interpretation
22. Pops - Interpretation
23. From Your Garden – Created by Exhibitor
  - i. 2025 – DIY Wreath featuring dried flowers/plants, no larger than 24 inches
  - ii. 2026 – DIY Stationery – four cards created using dried flowers/plants, protected in cellophane sleeves.
24. LAST MINUTE CHALLENGE – Composition  
Exhibitors can pick up their Last-Minute Challenge containers on Tuesday before the Fair between 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM.  
Exhibits must be delivered to the Flowers and Plants area of the Horticulture Building by 9:00 AM on Wednesday of the Fair for judging. All other rules under Department 015 apply. Due to space limitations, this category is open only to the first 12 entries. Special Award to be given by the Suzanne Key Family.

Grand Champion .....Ribbon

### Division Letter: **C. Perennials**

**PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$3.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2.50 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00 4<sup>th</sup> - \$1.50**

#### Class #:

1. Roses, Hybrid Tea, one stem, long enough to include several 5 & 7 leaflet leaves
2. Roses, Floribunda, one stem
3. Roses, Miniature, one stem
4. Roses, Hybrid Tea Collection, five stems one each variety
5. Any Other Rose not listed, one stem, identify on tag
6. Achillea/Yarrow, five heads, any one variety, fresh

7. Daisies, five stems, identify on tag
  8. Rudbeckia, five stems
  9. Sedum, one stem
  10. Hosta Blooms, any one color, three stems
  11. Hydrangea, White or Green, three stems, identify on tag
  12. Hydrangea, Any Other Color, three stems, identify on tag
  13. Any Other Perennials, five stems, any one variety, identify on tag
- Grand Champion..... Ribbon

**Division Letter: D. Flowers from Bulbs**

**PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$3.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2.50 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00 4<sup>th</sup> - \$1.50**

**Class #:**

1. Dahlia, large, one stem 5" or larger
  2. Dahlia, one stem under 5"
  3. Gladiolus, Standard, one spike
  4. Gladiolus, Miniature, one spike
  5. Gladioli, Assorted, five stems
  6. Canna Lily, any color, one stem
  7. Any other flower from bulb, identify on tag
- Grand Champion..... Ribbon

**Cut Flowers**

1. Flower variety identified on entry tag will be given greater consideration by the judge.
2. In cut flower classes, exhibitor **MUST SUPPLY CLEAR GLASS BOTTLE OR JAR.**
3. Containers must be in good proportion to support the horticulture specimen.

**Division Letter: E. Annuals**

**PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$3.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$2.50 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00 4<sup>th</sup> - \$1.50**

**Class #:**

1. Zinnia, two inches across or less, 1 stem
2. Zinnia, more than two inches across 1 stem
3. Zinnias, bouquet of 5 stems
4. Celosia, crested, 1 stem
5. Celosia, plumed, 1 stem
6. Wildflowers, 3 stems, identified
7. Lisianthus, assorted bouquet of five stems
8. Cosmos, 5 stems of any one variety
9. Salvias, 5 stems
10. Marigolds, small 5 stems, bronze
11. Marigolds, small 5 stems, bi-color
12. Marigolds, small 5 stems, yellow
13. Marigolds, small 5 stems, orange
14. Marigolds, large, 5 stems, bronze, over 3" in diameter
15. Marigolds, large, 5 stems, bi-color, over 3" in diameter
16. Marigolds, large, 5 stems, yellow, over 3" in diameter
17. Marigolds, large, 5 stems, orange, over 3" in diameter
18. Petunias, single, 5 stems, white
19. Petunias, single, 5 stems, pink
20. Petunias, single, 5 stems, lavender
21. Petunias, single 5 stems, purple
22. Petunias, single, 5 stems, red
23. Petunias, double, 5 stems, one color
24. Statice, 5 stems of the same color variety
25. Verbena, 1 stem
26. Cleome, 1 stem
27. Coleus, 5 stems
28. Sunflower, 1 stem
29. Any other annual, 5 stems of the same color variety, with name on tag
30. Just for Fun: Freakiest Looking Flower, 1 stem

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**Division Letter: F. Plants (Identifying flower or plant variety on fair tag, optional. No Plants previously shown at this fair)**

**PREMIUMS: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$3.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$2.50 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00 4<sup>th</sup> - \$1.50**

**Class #:**

1. African Violet, single specimen
2. Most Unusual Plant, identify on tag
3. Ferns, any specimen
4. Any other Flowering House Plant single specimen, identify on tag
5. Collection of 2-5 Succulent specimens in any type Container, dish or pot
6. Succulent, single specimen
7. Cactus
8. Desert Dish Cactus, planted by EXHIBITOR
9. Potted Herb Garden (Not less than 3 varieties, identify on tag)
10. Foliage – house plant (not hanging)
11. Hanging Plants, Foliage
12. Hanging Plants, Flowers
13. Window Box, maximum 24" length, 3-5 varieties, identify on tag
14. Miniature Tea Cup Garden, using tea cup & saucer, 3-5 live plants, identify on tag, exhibitor can use accessories

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**Walworth County Fair Barnyard Adventure Challenge - Sponsored Farmer Wally Worth**

**Division G. Farmer Wally Worth's Barnyard Garden Challenge**

**Class #:**

1. 2025 – Create six garden identification markers.
- 2026 – Create a ready-to-hang birdseed item (i.e., suet cakes, birdseed wreath, etc.)

**RULES:** Must be family friendly. Exhibits are for outdoor functional use in the Barnyard Adventure Gardens during the fair: judged on Wednesday of the fair in the Horticulture Building, moved by officials to Barnyard Adventure. 2025 exhibits will be returned to Horticulture Building for pick up after the Fair; 2026 exhibits will be donated for use in the Barnyard Adventure gardens.

**Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$30.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$25.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$20.00**

**35<sup>th</sup> PRIDE ON DISPLAY (2026 ONLY)**

*Established in 1991 by the Key Family in memory of Mr. Robert Key, the Pride on Display Contest rotates and showcases an Open Class competitive exhibit department, division, and class. In 2026, Pride on Display is featured in the Flowers & Plants Department.*

**Division H. Porch Pot**

**Class #:**

1. 2026 Pride on Display - Porch Pot

Exhibitors are to create a Porch Pot showcasing outdoor Flowers and/or Plants.

**RULES:**

Container, itself, not to exceed 15" L x 15" W x 15" H.

Minimum of 3 specimens, identify each on entry tag.

Indicate theme of Porch Pot on entry tag (i.e., Summertime, Happy Holidays, Pollinator Friendly, Halloween, etc.).

Accessories permitted.

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$150 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$75 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$50